

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. The Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 19 to correct minor informalities.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 11, and 19 due to noted informalities, and has provided proposed corrections to those claims to overcome the objection. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome the informalities. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 11, and 19 is respectfully requested.

Claim 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shah et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,361) in view of Cheng (U.S. Patent No. 6,563, 798). The Applicant respectfully submits that the Shah et al. patent should not be used to preclude patentability under 35 U.S.C. § 103. As specifically set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), "Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person." The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application and U.S. patent number 6,694,361 are both assigned to Intel Corporation and were both under an obligation of assignment to Intel Corporation. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35

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U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney via telephone at 815-885-2389 or via email at rob@intel.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. D. Anderson', written over a horizontal line.

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